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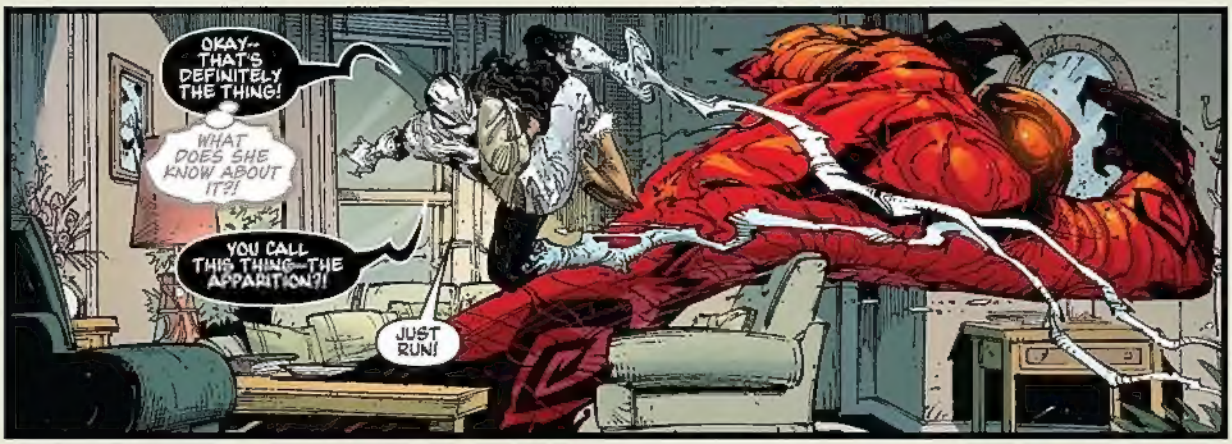
IT IS THE APPARITION!
THE WHAT?! WAIT--YOU CAN SEE IT?!
I HAVE SEEN TOO MUCH--FAR TOO MUCH!
WHERE IS IT?! IS IT MOVING?
WE MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE!
IIRK!


OKAY-- THAT'S DEFINITELY THE THING!
WHAT DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT IT?!
YOU CALL THIS THING--THE APPARITION?!
JUST RUN!

I CAN'T RUN--THIS THING WILL JUST FOLLOW ME! YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT IT?!
HOW DO I FIGHT IT? CAN IT BE KILLED?!
YOU CAN DO NOTHING-- THE APPARITION IS NOT A PHYSICAL BEING--IT CANNOT DIE--CANNOT BE STOPPED.
ONCE IT HAS FOUND YOU-- IT IS NOT EASILY LOST.

WHY IS IT HERE?!
WHAT DOES IT WANT?!

I FEAR YOU DO NOT HAVE A CHOICE.
YOUR EXISTENCE IS NOT *NATURAL*. THERE ARE FORCES THAT PREVENT YOUR BROTHER FROM LINGERING IN THIS REALM.
THE APPARITION IS PART OF THOSE FORCES.
PART?!
I CAN'T LET IT TAKE KURT, NO WAY.
WRAMM
OH, CRAP!

SKRAAASSH
WHAT IN THE WORLD?

HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US! YOU'RE NOT MOVING FAST ENOUGH.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO ESCAPE HIM!
YOU'RE NOT HELPING!
DANIEL... MAYBE WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT LETTING IT TAKE ME.
I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU BOTH IN DANGER LIKE THIS.
NO! I'M NOT ENTERTAINING THAT FOR A MINUTE! I NEED YOU!
I'M NOT GIVING UP!

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SHUFFE
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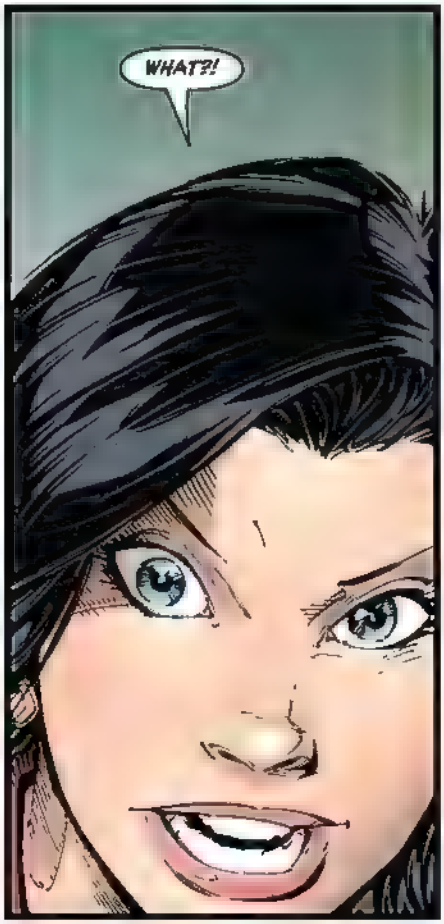
ARE YOU--? YES, THE PARASITE DRAINS YOU WHILE BONDED--YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED AFTER THAT.
P--PARASITE?
SORRY, MAYBE NOT THE BEST WORD FOR IT.
I'LL SAY.
YOUR BROTHER IS DEAD. HE DRAWS LIFE ENERGY FROM YOU IN ORDER TO STAY HERE. WHEN YOU BOND... THE FEEDING BECOMES MORE INTENSE.
THAT IS WHY YOU FEEL EXHAUSTED.
YEAH, I KNOW... WE FIGURED THAT PART OUT ON OUR OWN. I'LL BE FINE. IT JUST TAKES A MINUTE OR TWO FOR ME TO START FEELING BETTER.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL, REALLY.
WERE YOU TO REMAIN BONDED FOR A LONG DURATION...
...IT WOULD KILL YOU.
UH...

KILL ME? HEH... ...FITTING.
HEY! I'VE SAVED YOUR LIFE A FEW TIMES... IT'S MINE TO DO WITH AS I PLEASE.
THIS IS NOT A JOKE. THE APPARITION IS HERE TO SAVE YOU, DANIEL. A HAUNT IS UNNATURAL. IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO EXIST.
THE APPARITION IS HERE TO END THAT...
I DON'T... I'M NOT WILLING TO PUT YOU TWO IN DANGER TO FIGHT THIS THING.
WHAT HAPPENS IF IT SUCCEEDS?
HE ASKED WHAT IF IT SUCCEEDS?
YOU CEASE TO EXIST.
SEEMS A LITTLE HARSH.
YOU WILL BE PUNISHED FOR REMAINING IN THIS REALM. IF YOU DO NOT PASS ON BY YOUR OWN FREE WILL, YOU WILL BE DESTROYED.
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO.
THERE ARE SOME ITEMS THAT CAN HELP--BUT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR ME TO STAY WITH YOU.
HOW WILL WE KNOW WHERE YOU--
I WILL FIND YOU.

WE'RE VERY, VERY SORRY
NONSENSE... AFTER MY LAST INFRACTION, I'M SURE THEY LOCKED ME UP IN THE DEEPEST DARKEST HOLE THEY COULD FIND.
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY TO FIND ME, MY GOOD MAN.
IT'S JUST GOOD TO BE FREE.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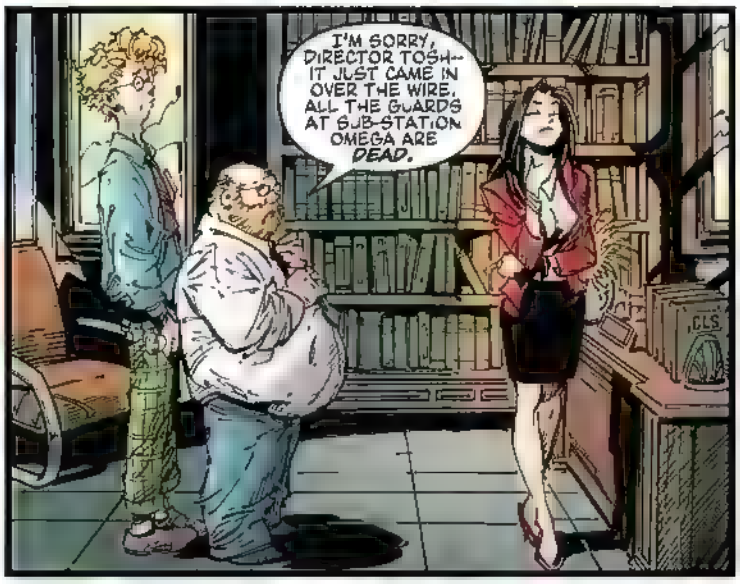
I'M SORRY, DIRECTOR TOSH-- IT JUST CAME IN OVER THE WIRE. ALL THE GUARDS AT SUB-STATION OMEGA ARE DEAD.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE PRISONER BEING KEPT IN THAT FACILITY... MISTER HURG.
WE CAME TO YOU AS SOON AS WE HEARD... WE FOLLOWED PROTOCOL.

I KNOW, SCOTT. JUST...
CALL AN EMERGENCY MEETING. IF MY AGENTS ARE ON THIS CONTINENT, I WANT THEM IN THE ROOM. THIS IS PRIORITY ONE--
--STARTING NOW!

YES, DIRECTOR TOSH.
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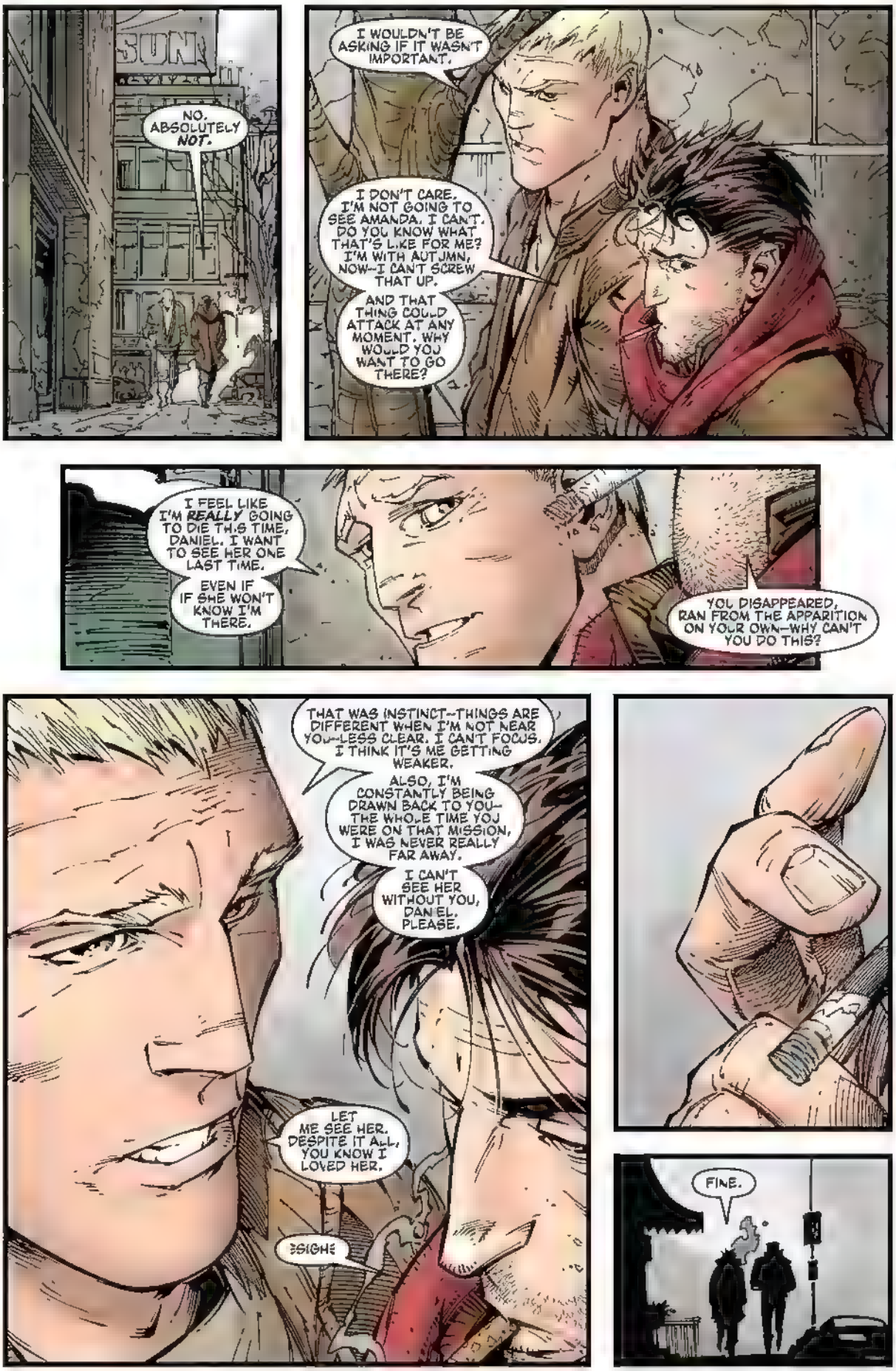
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NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT.
I WOULDN'T BE ASKING IF IT WASN'T IMPORTANT.
I DON'T CARE. I'M NOT GOING TO SEE AMANDA. I CAN'T. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE FOR ME? I'M WITH AUTUMN, NOW--I CAN'T SCREW THAT UP.
AND THAT THING COULD ATTACK AT ANY MOMENT. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO GO THERE?
I FEEL LIKE I'M REALLY GOING TO DIE THIS TIME, DANIEL. I WANT TO SEE HER ONE LAST TIME.
EVEN IF IF SHE WON'T KNOW I'M THERE.
YOU DISAPPEARED, RAN FROM THE APPARITION ON YOUR OWN--WHY CAN'T YOU DO THIS?
THAT WAS INSTINCT--THINGS ARE DIFFERENT WHEN I'M NOT NEAR YOU--LESS CLEAR. I CAN'T FOCUS. I THINK IT'S ME GETTING WEAKER.
ALSO, I'M CONSTANTLY BEING DRAWN BACK TO YOU--THE WHOLE TIME YOU WERE ON THAT MISSION, I WAS NEVER REALLY FAR AWAY.
I CAN'T SEE HER WITHOUT YOU, DANIEL. PLEASE.
LET ME SEE HER. DESPITE IT ALL, YOU KNOW I LOVED HER.
SIGH
FINE.

WHERE THE HELL IS AGENT KILGORE?!
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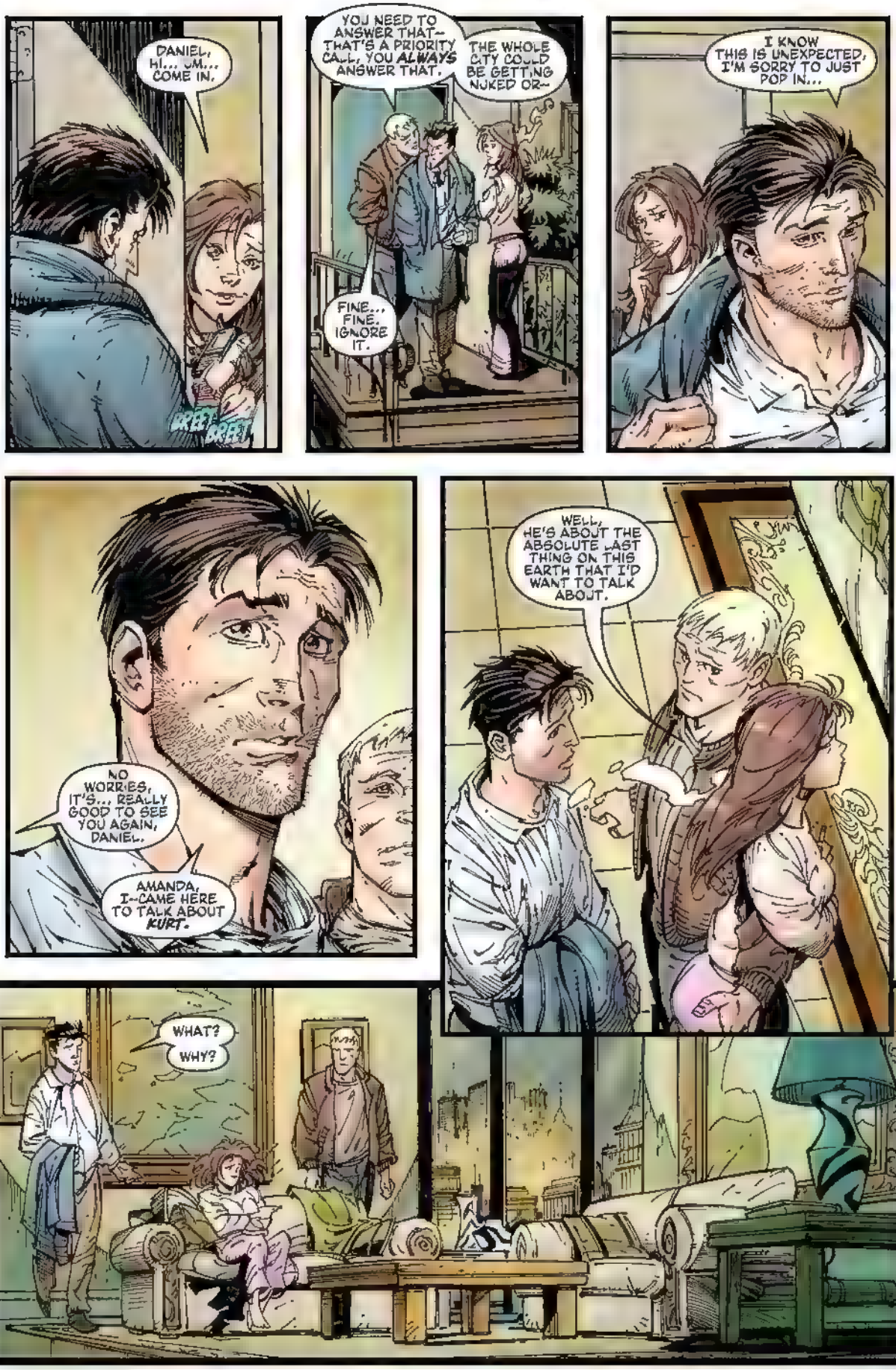
DANIEL, HI... UM... COME IN.
BREEP! BREEP!
YOU NEED TO ANSWER THAT-- THAT'S A PRIORITY CALL, YOU ALWAYS ANSWER THAT.
THE WHOLE CITY COULD BE GETTING NUKED OR--
FINE... FINE. IGNORE IT.
I KNOW THIS IS UNEXPECTED, I'M SORRY TO JUST POP IN...
NO WORRIES, IT'S... REALLY GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, DANIEL.
AMANDA, I--CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT KURT.
WELL, HE'S ABOUT THE ABSOLUTE LAST THING ON THIS EARTH THAT I'D WANT TO TALK ABOUT.
WHAT? WHY?

I KNOW ALL ABOUT KURT NOW...THE SECRET LIFE... THE...
...THE OTHER WOMEN.
I EVEN MET ONE OF THEM. SHE'S ACTUALLY...
...PRETTY NICE.
WHEN KURT DIED IT WAS LIKE I DIED WITH HIM. I LOVED HIM, THOUGHT I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM.
FINDING OUT WHAT HE DID...
...IT'S LIKE I NEVER KNEW HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.
LIKE HE TRICKED ME INTO LOVING HIM... AND...
...LAUGHED AT ME...
...FOR HOW STUPID I WAS... TO EVER TRUST HIM.
...
AMANDA, I NEVER MEANT TO...
I NEVER...
I'M SO SORRY, AMANDA.

IS IT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? KURT?!
WHAT? KURT?!
DON'T GO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE!
STOP!
I CAN HELP YOU! WE CAN BEAT THIS THING!
DON'T--
SKRAKKASH!

YOU'RE AN IDIOT--LET IT TAKE ME, I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET IT AWAY FROM AMANDA!
SHUT UP AND SAVE MY--
--LIFE. AGAIN.
OKAY, SECOND THOUGHTS...
YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED! THINK OF AMANDA! WE CAN'T BOTH DIE!
SHUT UP AND HELP ME FIGHT BACK!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
IT HURTS! I DON'T THINK WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TOUCH IT! PULL BACK!
I CAN'T DO IT ON MY OWN!
AAAAGH!

DAMN IT--CAN'T STOP--
SKREEE
WRAMM
I CAN'T--
IT'S GOT--
NO--
HOLD ON! I CAN--
I CAN--

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KURT?